

SENATE RESOLUTION 196

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Horace Greely
“Jerry” Venable, Jr. of Claiborne County.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned the passing of Mr. Horace Greely “Jerry” Venable, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jerry Venable was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Venable was an esteemed graduate of Lincoln Memorial University and worked diligently for the Department of Human Services in Claiborne County before he first joined Clayton Homes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Venable served with acumen and alacrity as a sales center manager for Clayton Homes, in which position he earned the respect of his peers, and superiors, and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work and from which he retired in 2007 after 24 years of faithful service; and

WHEREAS, Jerry also dutifully assisted his wife in running the family business, Venable Buck Stoves; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Venable was an active and devout member of the Tazewell Baptist Church, which he served faithfully; and

WHEREAS, despite his busy schedule and numerous commitments, Jerry still found the time to donate his time and talents to noteworthy causes such as, coaching Little League Basketball and the Tazewell Jaycees, which had named him “Jaycee of the Year”; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual, Jerry worked tirelessly in various community projects, including the Claiborne County Fair for several years; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Jerry enjoyed the love and companionship of his devoted wife of 47 years, Mary Lou Duncan Venable, was the proud father of a daughter, Elaine Venable Stapleton, and appreciated the loyal companionship of the family pet, Little Bit; he was also the doting grandfather of Maria Grace Stapleton; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Venable is survived by his son-in-law, Dr. Roy Steven Stapleton; brothers and sisters-in-law, Edward Bolton Venable and wife, Brenda, Joe Dan Venable and wife, Sylvia, Marshall David Venable and wife, Dorothy; sister and brother-in-law, Jane Venable Duncan and husband Brian; his uncle, Carl Bolton and wife, Greta; aunts, Marie Davis, Jewell Barnard and husband, Lewis, Ruth Stiner, and Louise Venable; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Duncan Johns, Ann Estes and husband, Dennis, Margaret Love and husband, Dean; brothers-in-law, Joe Tyler Duncan and wife, Betty, and Johnny Duncan; nieces, Shannon Venable Addison and husband, John, Melissa Venable Barber, Lynn Venable Koch and husband, Steve, Beth Venable, Jody Duncan Beason and husband Anthony, Jayme Duncan Phillips and husband Patrick, Darlene Love Massengill and husband, Silas, Jackie Duncan Clifton and husband Murrell, Judy Duncan Fontenot and husband, David, and Jenny Duncan; his nephews, Travis Edward Greely Venable and wife, Callie, Joseph Greely Venable, David DeBusk and wife, Teresa, Doug DeBusk and wife, Becky, Allen Day and wife, Teresa, Gary Estes, Steve Day and wife, Jo Lee, Bill Duncan and wife, Beth, and Randy Love and wife, Tracy; many cousins, other relatives, and friends; and

WHEREAS, he is preceded in death by his parents, Horace Greely Venable, Sr. and Opal Pearlle Bolton Venable; his step-mother, Margineal Hurst Venable; parents-in-law, Gracie Newby and Tyler Duncan; grandparents, Dan and Pearlle Vannoy Bolton and Horace and Mae Bray Venable; aunts and uncles, Robert Venable, Mollie and Estelle Brooks, Essie and Dewey Marsee, Lois and Bert Epperson, Mae and Nelson Bray, and Everett and Gladys Bolton; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Venable leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Mr. "Jerry" Horace Greely Venable, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our deepest sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Horace Greely "Jerry" Venable, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.